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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 49 of the First Extraordinary Session  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Angela Shears upon  
winning the 1999 Southern Appalachian  
Regional Spelling Bee.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals, who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment, excel in their various academic endeavors and utilize their education to execute feats of great intellectual achievement; and

WHEREAS, one such modern-day scholar is Angela Shears, who distinguished herself by winning first place in the 1999 Southern Appalachian Regional Spelling Bee in Knoxville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the thirteen-year-old eighth grader successfully spelled the winning two words, cuneiform and echinoderm; and

WHEREAS, for winning the spelling bee, Angela was awarded an expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., where she will properly represent Tennessee on May 31, 1999 at the annual Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee; and

WHEREAS, other notable prizes include, a cash prize of \$625, a \$100 U.S. savings bond, the Corel PWordPerfect Suite along with a voice-activated Dragon package on CD-ROM and a Webster's Third New International Dictionary; and

WHEREAS, Angela is a veteran champion of spelling bees; she also participated in the Campbell County Spelling Bee at Jackboro Middle School prevailing over a total of 24 other contestants; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional student at LaFollette Middle School, Angela strives for excellence in all of her classes; and

WHEREAS, Angela Shears exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Angela's noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for her parents, Gene and Aubrey Shears, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Angela Shears, champion of the 1999 Southern Appalachian Regional Spelling Bee, is deserving of commendation, respect, and admiration of this General Assembly; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Angela Shears upon her victory at the 1999 Southern Appalachian Regional Spelling Bee and wish her every success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.